

Council on Certification of Health, Environmental Safety Technologists (CCHEST)

DANTES Test Centers' Authorization

Military installations with DANTES test centers are authorized to administer the Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST), Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST), and the Safety Trained Supervisor in Construction (STS) certification examinations of the Council on Certification of Health, Environmental Safety Technologists.

DoD personnel residing in the US, Canada, or certain US territories should consider sitting for their examinations at a local Sylvan Technology Center. There are over 200 centers available and the cost to test at a Sylvan center is much less than to test through DANTES. Examinations are given at the Sylvan Technology Centers six days per week, while DANTES examinations are given only twice a year. For a list of testing centers, please visit www.2test.com.

Background

In April 2001 the Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (CCHEST) changed its name from the Joint Committee, American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) and Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP).

In the late 1970s, ABIH and BCSP formed a joint committee to investigate the possibility of developing a joint examination program for technician/technologist level occupational health and safety practitioners.

The two boards approved the ABIH/BCSP Joint Committee for Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Technologists (OHST) in 1985. Eligible applicants who pass the examination are awarded the OHST designation.

In 1994, based on a request from the Construction Division of the American Society of Safety Engineers and the National Safety Council, the Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) was added. Later the Safety Trained Supervisor in Construction (STS) was added.

The CCHEST certifications suit those who do not qualify for the professional certifications of the parent boards: BCSP's Certified Safety Professional and ABIH's Certified Industrial Hygienist.

Description

Requirements for OHST, CHST, and STS Certification	Requirements and examination information for the Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST), Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) and Safety Trained Supervisor in Construction (STS) certifications can be found at www.jcohst.org .
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How to Obtain an Application

Applications	To obtain an application for the certification examination, the applicant or the DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO) must forward a written request on official stationery to:
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CCHEST
208 Burwash Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874-9571

Telephone: (217) 359-2686
Fax: (217) 359-0055

Note: You can also view and download application, and materials from the CCHEST web site at www.jcohst.org.

Academic Transcripts and Reference Questionnaires	Academic transcripts (if applicable) and completed questionnaires from each person named under the “reference” section of the application form must be submitted with the application form.
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Program Materials and Assistance

Study Materials or Assistance	Download online handbooks, guides and forms from the CCHEST web site at www.jcohst.org . Address any questions concerning the OHST, CHST, or STS examinations programs to CCHEST.
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Certification Criteria

Criteria by Degree and Experience	Certification criteria for examinations leading to the OHST, CHST, and STS can be found at www.jcohst.org .
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Certification Fees

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Administration

When TCOs Should Administer Examination	The CCHEST has authorized DANTES TCOs to <u>administer their examinations</u> to active duty and Reserve component personnel <u>on a date to be arranged</u> .
Within 30 Miles of Military Installation	If a regular civilian examination administration is scheduled within 30 miles of the examinee's military installation, the examinee will be <u>expected</u> to take the examination at the civilian test center.

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Civilian Administration

DANTES test centers may administer the OHST/CHST examination to the following civilians on an **UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) AND SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS** according to local command policy and Service regulations:

- Retired military personnel
 - Military family members
 - Veterans, and
 - U.S. Federal employees.
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Scoring

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Using the supplied mailing materials, mail completed examinations and all examination materials immediately after testing to:

Columbia Assessment Services, Inc.
120 First Flight Lane
Kitty Hawk Executive Park
Morrisville, NC 27560

Examination Results

Examinees will be notified directly by CCHEST of their scores and qualifications for certification.

TCOs will only be notified that the scores have been provided to examinees.

Refunds

Refunds	A 50 percent refund of overseas examination fees is available if the examination is cancelled 30 days prior to the examination date. Application fees are non-refundable. Please go to the relevant certification handbook for additional details at www.jcohist.org .
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Retesting

Retesting	Applicants who fail an examination may retake the complete examination after paying another examination fee. There is no limit on the number of times examinees may retake a complete examination.
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Certificate Maintenance

Certificate Maintenance	Information on certification maintenance can be found at www.jcohist.org . Information regarding this requirement is provided to all applicants who successfully complete the certification requirements.
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Problems

Problems	Contact CCHEST immediately if you experience any problems involving receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications• Descriptive information• Examinations• Examination scores• Certificates not being received in a timely manner
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Security

Test Loss or Compromise

Refer to Part I of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* for complete instructions if there is a CCHEST test loss or compromise.

Contact DANTES immediately and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is:

DANTES	Phone: (850) 452-1360
Code 20F	DSN: 922-1360
6490 Saufley Field Road	Fax: (850) 452-1161
Pensacola, FL 32509-5243	

WEB Pages and E-mail addresses

DANTES Web Address

Access the DANTES web pages at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

CCHEST Web Address

Access the CCHEST web page at www.cchest.org.

DANTES E-mail Address

The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is certprog@voled.doded.mil.
